



United States Combined Arms Center  
and Fort Leavenworth

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**Commanding General, U.S. Army  
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**Deputy Commanding General for  
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Lieutenant General Perkins became the 21<sup>st</sup> Commander of the US Army Combined Arms Center on November 22, 2011, assuming the lead for the synchronization of leader development across the Army, the management of the the Army's training support and training development enterprises, and the development and integration of the doctrine the Army uses to fight and win our Nation's wars.

Prior to this assignment, Lieutenant General Perkins served as the Commanding General of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized) where his primary mission was to assist and develop the Iraqi Security Forces in US Division-North to take security responsibility upon the transition of US Forces. Lieutenant General Perkins also served as the Brigade Commander for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized) during the invasion of Iraq, commanding the unit's "Thunder Run" into Baghdad and subsequent stability operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he earned the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for valor.

Lieutenant General Perkins was commissioned into the armor branch upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1980. In addition to the posts noted above, he held leadership positions in armor and mechanized infantry units in Europe, the United States, and the Middle East. He also held a number of key staff assignments, including Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Effects for Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for United States Army Europe, and Special Assistant to the Speaker of the House, United States House of Representatives.

Lieutenant General Perkins holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan, and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Lieutenant General Perkins was born in Keene, New Hampshire. He and his wife Ginger live in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and they have two grown children, a son and a daughter, that also serve in the armed forces.